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Peachtree Corners Honors Its Vietnam Veterans

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA, Oct. 26, 2016 – The <u>Peachtree Corners Veterans Monument</u> <u>Association</u> (PCVMA), in partnership with <u>NanoLumens</u>, the <u>Witness to War Foundation</u>, and the City of Peachtree Corners, is honoring the community's Vietnam Veterans for their service and sacrifice in a special event on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Thirty-five local men and women will be honored during an early evening event taking place from 5 – 7 p.m. at NanoLumens offices in Peachtree Corners. The event marks the city's participation in the Vietnam War Commemoration, a national effort to recognize and officially welcome home the more than 9 million Vietnam Veterans who served our country.

The Vietnam War Commemoration was authorized by Congress, established under the Secretary of Defense and launched by the President in May 2012, to recognize all men and women who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces from Nov. 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975.

"This Commemoration is an opportunity to remember our colleagues who served in this generation of veterans," said Bob Ballagh, PCVMA's Executive Director," and to extend our heartfelt appreciation for their service."

As part of the evening events, <u>State of Georgia Veterans Service</u>, Commissioner Mike Roby will present a certificate and a lapel pin to each veteran.

"Too many Vietnam War veterans never received proper recognition for their service to our country," Commissioner Roby said. "We believe it is never too late to say 'thank you' to these veterans. The Vietnam War Certificate of Honor is a small token of our great respect for their sacrifices."

Peachtree Corners is part of a grateful nation in thanking and honoring its Vietnam War Veterans, the fallen, the wounded, those who were held as Prisoners of War, and those listed as missing and unaccounted for. Mayor Mike Mason, a U.S. Navy veteran, will be part of the recognition ceremony.

"It is an honor to recognize the proud soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who served and fought for our nation," said Mayor Mason. "Our country will always owe them a debt of gratitude for their service."

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